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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1763 FIBROUS AND FILA-  
MENTARY MATERIAL

REFS: A. COCOM DOC 1763/3

B. COCOM DOC 1763/5

1. UK OPENED NOV. 19 DISCUSSION WITH STATEMENT THAT ITS STUDY OF CARBON FIBER MATERIALS OBSERVED IN THE SECONDARY PAVILLION AT THE RECENT PARIS AIR SHOW HAS LED ITS EXPERTS TO CONCLUDE THAT THE USSR HAS BOTH THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE PRODUCTION CAPABILITY TO FABRICATE SOPHISTICATED COMPONENTS USING CARBON FIBROUS MATERIALS. EXAMPLES GIVEN BY UKDEL INCLUDED, INTER ALIA, CARBON FIBER CROSS STITCHED TAPE' CARBON FIBER REINFORCED PANELS AND AILERONS, CARBON FIBER REINFORCED METAL TURBINE DISCS, AND CARBON FIBER REINFORCED BEAMS AND RODS. UKDEL CIRCULATED THREE PICTURES OF SOME OF THE STRUCTURES CITED TO SUBSTANTIATE THE REASON- ABLENESS OF ITS PROPOSED AN (REF A).

2. WHEN CALLED UPON FOR HIS REACTION, USDEL RECALLED THE LAST US STATEMENT ON THIS SUBJECT (REF B) AND RE-ITERATED US CONCERN OVER STRATEGIC USES. HE NOTED THAT HE WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, AND, ACCORDINGLY, THAT HE  
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MUST MAINTAIN HIS ROUND III RESERVE. USDEL OFFERED TO

FORWARD THE UK ASSESSMENT TO HIS AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR REACTION.

3. UKDEL, ELLIPTICALLY ALLUDING TO EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED BY UK BEING THE COUNTRY RESPONSIBLE FOR INVENTING AND ADDING CARBON FIBERS TO THE IL AND THEN PROPOSING AN TREATMENT FOR THEM, STATED HE DID NOT WISH TO PURSUE

THE MATTER FURTHER AND, THEREFORE, HE WAS WITHDRAWING THE PROPOSAL SO THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD PROCEED TO OTHER LIST REVIEW MATTERS.

4. THE FRENCH DEL, WHO APPARENTLY CAME PREPARED TO AID THE BRITISH, READ INTO THE RECORD A LONG TECHNICAL DIS- SERTATION , THE THRUST OF WHICH WAS THAT THE RATIO OF TENSILE STRENGTH TO WEIGHT FOR KEVLAR (IT IS 30 LIGHTER THAN CARBON FIBERS) MADE IT MORE IMPORTANT FOR AEROSPACE USES AND THAT IF THE US HAD CONCERNS OVER THAT MATERIAL INSTEADOF CARBON FIBERS THE FRENCH COULD APPRECIATE THAT CONCERN, WHILE ADHERING TO VIEW THAT RELAXATION WAS PROPER FOR LATTER. (WE WILL LEAVE THE DETAILS OF THIS FRENCH ANALYSIS TO THE RECORD.) OTHER DELS MADE NO COM- MENT RE US, UK, OR FRENCH STATEMENTS.

5. COMMENT: USDEL ASKED UKDEL BEFORE THE MEETING WHE- THER HE WOULD BE WITHDRAWING HIS PROPOSAL. UKDEL ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE. AFTER ADJOURNMENT, UKDEL INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT PRESSURE FROM THE UK DEFENSE MINISTRY CAUSED THE WITHDRAWAL AND EXPRESSED IRRITATION OVER WHAT HE CON- sidered INTERFERENCE FROM ANOTHER MINISTRY. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, FORWARD TO WASHINGTON, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, THE MATERIAL USED IN HIS PRE-WITHDRAWAL STATE- MENT. THE OLD ADAGE THAT "ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL" MAY APPLY HERE, BUT BRITISH IRE WAS SUCH THAT THEY AP- PARENTLY SET OUT TO EXTRACT THEIR POUND OF US FLESH BE- FORE CAPITULATING TO MINDEF PRESSURE. THE BACKGROUND INTERPLAY RESULTING IN THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UK PROPOSAL OF COURSE, WAS UNKNOWN TO THE OTHER DELS AND TO THEM THE MOST LIKELY INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS WAS THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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US WAS AGAIN THE VILLAIN OF THE PIECE.  
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